

claim 1 is being amended to correct some antecedent basis problems. As a result, the applicant submits that claims 1-2 and 4 are in condition for allowance.

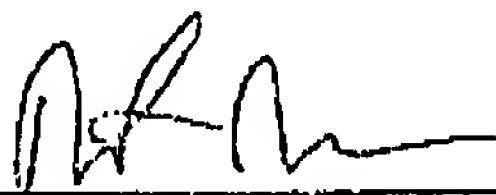
Independent claims 5, 7, and 10 are being amended in a manner similar to claim 1. Accordingly, the applicant submits that claims 5, 7-8, 10, 13-14, and 16 are also in condition for allowance.

The applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable. The applicant, therefore, respectfully requests the Examiner to consider this application in light of this amendment and these remarks. If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, the applicant requests that the Examiner contact the applicant's attorney for an additional telephone interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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